

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 3 at page 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The transmission apparatus 11 further includes a receiver 40 for receiving via the network 12 the RTP RR (the above-described second control signal) transmitted by the reception apparatus 13 (Fig. 1); and a buffer 42 for acquiring and storing the ~~RTP~~ RTCP RR received by the receiver 40 via an arbiter comparator 41.

Please replace paragraph 4 at page 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

If the signal supplied from the receiver 80 is a multiplexed signal, the arbiter comparator 81 separates the multiplexed signal into the RTP and the RTCP, supplies the buffer 83 with the RTP, and supplies the buffer 82 with the RTCP. Furthermore, when the signal supplied from the receiver 40 80 is the RTCP, the arbiter comparator 81 supplies the buffer 82 with the RTCP as-is.

Please replace paragraph 1 at page 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the RTCP is stored in the buffer 82, the network controller 76 compares the RTCP with the reception acceptance information stored in the database 75, generates the ~~RTP~~ RTCP RR (the RTCP RR (acceptance) or the RTCP RR (rejection)) as a signal for responding to the RTCP, i.e., as the above-described second control signal, based on the comparison result, and supplies it to the buffer 77. The RTCP RR supplied to the buffer 77 is transmitted to the network 12 via the arbiter 78 and the transmitter 79, and transmitted to the corresponding transmission apparatus 11 via the network 12.



Please replace paragraph 4 at page 43 continuing onto page 44, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The network controller 76 measures an error in the RTP stored in the buffer 83. When the RTP is normal (the error is at a predetermined level or lower), the network controller 76 determines that the state transition condition 156 has been satisfied, generates the ~~RTP~~ RTCP RR (without error) 202, and transmits it to the transmission apparatus 11 that has transmitted the RTCP via the buffer 77, the arbiter 78, the transmitter 79, and the network 12. The network controller 76 then changes the state of the reception apparatus 13 from the state RC to the state RC (no state transition is made).

Please replace paragraph 1 at page 44, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In contrast, if the measured error is above a predetermined level, the network controller 76 determines that the state transition condition 158 has been satisfied, generates the ~~RTP~~ RTCP RR (with error) 203, and transmits it to the transmission apparatus 11 that has transmitted the RTCP via the buffer 77, the arbiter 78, the transmitter 79, and the network 12. The network controller 76 then changes the state of the reception apparatus 13 from the state RC to the state RC (no state transition is made).

Please replace paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 at page 45 continuing onto page 46, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Thus, the network controller 76 determines that the state transition condition 157 has been satisfied, generates the ~~RTP~~ RTCP RR (rejection) 201, and transmits it to the transmission apparatus 11-2 via the buffer 77, the arbiter 78, the transmitter 79, and the network 12. Furthermore, the network controller 76 changes the state of the reception apparatus 13 from the state RC to the state RC (no state transition is made).

When the transmission apparatus 11-2, as described above, receives the ~~RTP~~ RTCP RR (rejection) 201 transmitted by the receiver 80 via the network 12, the transmission apparatus 11-2 stops the distribution of the RTP (the multiplexed signal of the RTP and the RTCP) to the reception apparatus 13. It is noted, however, that the transmission apparatus 11-2 still periodically transmits the RTCP to the reception apparatus 13 via the network 12.

Furthermore, when the state of the reception apparatus 13 is the state RC, the network controller 36 ~~76~~ performs clocking with a timer (not shown in the figure). In this case, if the multiplexed signal of the RTP and the RTCP or the RTCP is not transmitted from the transmission apparatus 11-1 after a predetermined period of time (e.g., "30 s" in this example) is clocked, the network controller 36 determines that the state transition condition 155 has been satisfied to change the state of the reception apparatus 13 from the state RC to the state RB.

Please replace paragraph 1 at page 48, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the transmission apparatus 11-1 receives via the network 12 the RTCP RR (without error) 202 transmitted from the reception apparatus 13, the transmission apparatus 11-1 subsequently transmits the RTP+RTCP 211 or the ~~RTP~~ RTCP 212 to the reception apparatus 13 via the network 12 to the reception apparatus 13.

Please replace paragraph 4 at page 49 continuing onto page 50, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the reception apparatus 13 receives the RTP+RTCP 211, it determines that the state transition condition 157 (Fig. 5) has been satisfied because it is in the state RC where the RTP from the transmission apparatus 11-1 is being received. Thus, the reception apparatus 13 generates the RTCP RR (rejection) 201 as the second control information in response to the

RTCP (RTCP included in the ~~RTCP+RTCP~~ RTP+RTCP 211) from the transmission apparatus 11-2, and transmits it to the transmission apparatus 11-2 via the network 12.